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Military Information from Lt. Poelten

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COUNTRY: Austria

SUBJECT: Military Information from St. Poelten

DATE OF INFO:

[REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] only a small number of soldiers and no weapons or equipment were observed at the [REDACTED] in St. Poelten (O 59/W 88). The installations were guarded by three sentries with red-bordered black epaulets who were armed with submachine guns. Sedan E 8-41-27 with an officer and a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen in front of the former Kreisgericht.<sup>1</sup>

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2. Two radio installations were observed about 1,500 meters west of the municipal forest; one of the installations was situated north and the other south of the road to Mitzendorf (O 49/W 88). The radio installation about 200 meters north of the road consisted of a small wooden building and two van-like trucks. A double telephone line from the barracks installations on Schiesstattring was strung parallel to the Austrian postal lines and ended in one of the trucks. The other van-like truck was parked just east and had a wooden roof and an antenna, 4 or 5 meters high. The radio installation about 50 meters south of the road included 2 low, wooden barracks buildings painted white, 2 wooden sheds containing a motor vehicle each, 4 tents and an antenna mast, 6 to 10 meters high, which had two working lines of four insulated wires each. Two small parasol-type antennas were fixed in a frame antenna on top of the antenna mast. The radio installation was surrounded by a barbed wire fence, about 1.5 meters high, and guarded by a sentry with a submachine gun.<sup>2</sup>

3. A Soviet camp was identified at the corner of the north side of Purkersdorferstrasse and the west side of Duehlstrasse in the eastern section of St. Poelten. The installation consisted of a low wooden barracks building on a concrete base with 3 large sliding doors and 18 windows, and of another probably empty building situated northeast of the former. The installation was surrounded by a damaged fence, about 2 meters high. **Three soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, including two soldiers armed with submachine guns, were seen within the installation.**

4. Soldiers observed in St. Poelten included 2 lieutenant colonels (art), about 35 in, most of them wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia, and 2 of the electro-technical troops who wore light-blue bordered black epaulets with a crossed hammer and spade and a lightning-flash cluster as insignia.

5. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The observations indicate that the troops were absent from the post at present. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. As the radio stations are connected by telephone with the barracks installations on Schiesstattring, they are believed to be a radio center detached from a headquarters in St. Poelten.

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